

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

[Ratified 18th January, 1847.]

CHAPTER XVII.

An Act for cutting a navigable Canal from the waters of the Yadkin to the waters of the Cape Fear, in this State.

Whereas the cutting of a canal from the waters of the Yadkin, to connect with the navigable waters of the Cape Fear, is deemed to be a work of vast importance, and would, when completed, greatly facilitate the transportation of produce from Western North Carolina, to a good market within the State; and whereas many persons are willing and desirous to subscribe large sums of money to effect the completion of said work, and it is just and proper that such persons, their heirs and assigns should be empowered to receive reasonable tolls forever, in satisfaction for the money advanced by them in carrying the work into execution, and the risk they run: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That it shall and may be lawful, and the following persons are hereby empowered to open books for receiving subscriptions to the said undertaking, in the town of Fayetteville, and at such other places as they may deem proper, to wit: Giles W. Pearson, William H. Hardin, D. G. McRae, Edward J. Hale, John Morrison, S. C. Bruce, Murdock Persons, Alexander Kelly, and such other persons as they may choose to associate with them; and the said persons above named, and their associates are hereby declared and deemed to be a body corporate and politic, under the style and name of the Yadkin and Cape Fear Canal Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead

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